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MONTEVALLO

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	ARMSTRONG STATE (10-9 (8-4 PBC))	31	37	68	
	MONTEVALLO (1-18 (0-12 PBC))	38	29	67	



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MONTEVALLO, Ala. - Armstrong State University sophomore **Brigitta Barta** hit the game-winning shot with eight seconds remaining to allow the Armstrong State University women's basketball team to escape with a 68-67 Peach Belt Conference victory over host Montevallo on Saturday afternoon in Montevallo, Ala.

GAME LEADERS
ARMSTRONG STATE
Pts: Dee Hayward - 24
Reb: Alexia Somerset - 12
Ast: Amber Johnson - 5
MONTEVALLO

The win keeps the Pirates (10-9, 8-4 PBC) in the thick of the PBC East Division race, while Montevallo falls to 1-18 overall and 0-12 in the PBC with the loss. Armstrong returns to action on Wednesday, February 4, hosting Flagler in a 5:30 p.m. Peach Belt Conference contest at Alumni Arena.

Jacquelyn Thompson's 16 first-half points helped stake the host Falcons to a 38-31 lead at the break. Montevallo would push that lead to eight early in the second half, 41-33, but a basket by senior **Dee Hayward** and a three-pointer by junior **Shermika Harris** quickly cut the lead to just three, 41-38, with 16:15 left.

Armstrong would draw even on a layup by junior **Alexia Somerset** with 7:27 left to make the score 53-53. After five lead changes between the two teams, Armstrong took a 66-65 lead with 1:37 left as Shermika Harris was fouled while making a basket. Hayward would make the bonus free throw to put the Pirates ahead.

Montevallo came back to retake the lead, 67-66, on a Katherine Goldsby basket with just 22 seconds left. On the ensuing possession, Barta missed her first shot, but grabbed her own rebound and the putback with eight ticks left on the clock put the Pirates ahead, 68-67. Goldsby then missed a shot with two seconds left and Barta secured the rebound to preserve the win.

Hayward led three Pirates on the evening with 24 points on 7-of-18 shooting from the floor, including 4-of-12 three-pointers and 6-of-7 free throws. Barta finished with a double-double of 17 points and 10 rebounds, while Harris finished with 13 points.

Thompson led the Falcons with a game-high 26 points, while Goldsby notched 16 points and Carrington Caise added 10 points.

Armstrong held a decisive 46-32 edge in rebounding and the Pirates turned the ball over 22 times, compared to 15 for Montevallo.

Pts: Jacquelyn Thompson - 26
Reb: Katherine Goldsby - 10
Ast: Katie Colson - 4

TEAM STATS		
ARMSTRONG STATE		MONTEVALLO
(23-58)	Field Goals	(26-61)
39.7%	Field Goal %	42.6%
46	Rebounds	32
11	Assists	8
22	Turnovers	15
16	Pts off Turnovers	35
20	2nd Chance Pts	11
22	Pts in the Paint	12
0	Fastbreak Pts	0
13	Bench Pts	6

FULL STATS



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